

I Support S.B. 184 and H.B. 5262 regarding Absentee Voting

Hearing: FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022 – 10:00 AM

Distinguished Committee Members:

My name is Roye Anastasio-Bourke. I am a voter from New Haven. Passing both **S.B. 184** (an act that extends several changes regarding election administration because of Covid-19) and **H.B. 5262** (an act revising certain absentee voting eligibility statutes) is extremely important to me

I support [S.B. No. 184](#) because it would extend the right to vote by absentee ballot using the fear of Covid as a valid excuse. There are many voters who do not feel safe going to the polls for a variety of reasons. Some voters, like myself, have underlying medical conditions that makes Covid-19 especially frightening. Others care for elderly family members or infants. Without this extension these voters could be disenfranchised. And let's be frank: Covid 19 still poses health risks in our communities.

I support [H.B. No. 5262](#) as it would amend our state statutes regarding the "illness" provision for absentee ballot voting so that it is in line with our CT State Constitution. This would help eliminate any ambiguities that might arise and also in the event of future pandemics or medical emergencies it would enable all registered voters to vote by absentee ballot in case of illness without our state government having to rush to pass last minute legislation.

Thank you for supporting voter access to the ballot and thank you for your continued service to CT.

Sincerely,

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